

In re application of: Herve Gtaus et. al. 09/202,424 Serial No.: Filed: 12/10/98 For: Security Procedure for . . . To: THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been [] established by a verified statement previously submitted. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is [] enclosed. No additional fee is required. OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY (Col. 1) (Col. 2) (Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY HIGHEST NO. ADDIT. ADDIT. CLAIMS OR REMAINING PREVIOUSLY PRESENT RATE RATE FEE FEE AFTER PAID FOR **EXTRA** AMENDMENT * 21 MINUS 25 ** TOTAL \$ 1.8 3 MINUS - *** INDEP. \$ 39 78 [] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM \$130 \$260 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE 37 CFR 1.136 Petition: -- If any extension of time, e.g. 35 USC 41(a)(8) and e.g. 37 CFR 1.136 is required for this and for any subsequent submission by applicants in this application; then petition is hereby made for such extension(s) and if a check does not accompany this transmittal letter, the Commissioner is requested, and authorized, to charge any fee(s) therefor to Deposit Account 16-2128. For 1 Mo. Ext. \$55/\$110 [] For 3rd Mo. Ext. \$435/\$870 [] For 2 Mo. Ext. \$190/\$380 [] For 4th Mo. Ext. \$680/\$1,360 [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 16-2128 in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. A check # in the amount of \$ is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 16-2128. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. [X] Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra class. [X] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. ROLAND PLOTTEL Rockefeller Center Station P.O. Box 293 New York, NY 10185 (212) 489-7073 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal

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SECURITY PROCEDURE FOR CONTROLLING THE

TRANSFER OF VALUE UNITS IN A CHIP CARD

GAMING SYSTEM

AMENDMENT #

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This is in response to the October 12 Office Action (paper No. 4).

Please amend:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, amend as follows.

1. (Amended) Electronically secured [Secured] method for monitoring transfers of value units between a plurality of gambling machines [(CJ CJ1, CJ2, CJn)] and a plurality of gambling machines [(200, 200[, 200, 200, 300, 300', 300)], each machine being connected to a transcriber [(210)] of data onto a gambling card [(CJ2)], the machines being connected in a secured network with a central processing unit [(1)] by link means [(123)], the method having the following steps, during a gambling operation:

- reading data stored in a gambling card,



